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[REDACTED] the laundry of the Sofienbad in Misenach (L 51/H 76) was ordered to prepare to receive the laundry of 60,000 troops. [REDACTED] this figure considerably surpasses that of the previous year. (1)

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2. Prior to 1 April, only the Ottenhausen part of the camp at the Kindel troop training grounds was occupied by an advance party. [REDACTED] (2)

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3. On 30 March, a unit from the General Wever Kaserne was loaded at the Potsdam railroad station. It included: about 350 soldiers on 12 boxcars; 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, about 15 caterpillar tractors, about 15 motor vehicles, 2 jeeps and 4 trailers on about 33 flatcars. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The train was ready to pull out at the Wildpark railroad station with about 250 troops, 6 x 122-mm field guns, about 10 caterpillar tractors, about 20 trucks and 1 field kitchen. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The train was ready to pull out at 3 p.m. (3)

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4. On 28 March, a west-bound train stood at the Justerbog (N 52/E 69) railroad station. It carried 46 trucks, and 18 x 120-mm mortars, 3 radio trucks and a field kitchen. The vehicles were marked with the artillery insignia. (4) On 30 March, a train carrying 13 newly painted trucks was seen leaving Camp Darr. (5) Columns were seen moving out of Justerbog between 10:40 and 11:45 a.m. on 3 April. a military-post exercise was conducted involving only part of the units from the post. The columns included: about 8 sedans occupied by high-ranking officers; 31 trucks carrying soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and boards; 4 armored personnel carriers, 2 jeeps and 1 radio truck. Some of the trucks towed AT guns. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) Even if it is believed possible that the Kindel troop training grounds will be occupied by three divisions, the number of troops as stated in the report is probably too high.
- (2) The troop camps are situated 1 km north of Etterhausen. an advance party there as early as 16 March 1952. The truck belongs to the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Atz Rifle Div.
- (3) The information confirms one train carrying components of the unidentified gun artillery brigade, possibly the 138th, and one train carrying the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig were loaded at the Potsdam and Wildpark railroad stations respectively.
- (4) the train carried a unit of the 234th Mortar Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The train came from Neuruppin.
- (5) Probably a distribution by the Third Gds Recz Army of new motor vehicles from the U.S.S.R.
- (6) the exercise involved headquarters troops of the Third Gds Recz Army, of the 14th Gds Recz Div and of the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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